fit per maund for the last three years on account of the sale of Tinnevelly salt was annas 3 and pies 6 per maund. The above figures do not exclude the cost incurred by the State on account of establishment and supervision charges, the loss due to wastage, etc.

(c) (i) The stock of salt in the Alleppey and Quilon Depôts at the time of calling for tenders for the current contract was 2,04,531 maunds and 2,65,953 maunds respectively.

(ii) The stock of salt available in the factories in South Travancore at the time of calling for these tenders was 4,44,643 maunds and not 8 lakhs as stated by the member.

(iii) The average consumption of salt in the State per year based on the figures of the past three years is 10,81,518 maunds.

(iv) The stock of salt available in the depôts and the factories was duly taken into consideration in deciding upon the quantities of foreign salt fixed for import into the State. It may be added that provision is usually made for keeping a reserve stock of salt equal to the requirements of the State for 18 months.

(v) The probable yield of the Purattasi pani of 1097 was taken into consideration in estimating the quantities of foreign salt required. The probable yield of Thye pani was not taken into account, as that salt would not be ripe for transport during the year.

(d) The contract rates for 1097 are given below :—

(1) For supply of Bombay salt at Alleppey—Bh. Rs. 58 per 100 maunds.

(2) For supply of Tinnevelly salt at Alleppey— Bh. Re 0-10-7 5/7 pies per maund.

(3) For supply of Tinnevelly salt at Quilon—Bh. Re. 0-8-3 pies per maund.

Mr. S. Adam Sait.

5. Q.—(a) How many head clerks, clerks and overseers are there under the Trivandrum Municipality? How many among them possess the requisite qualifications prescribed in the Public Service Notification?

(b) What proportion of the total receipts of this Municipality, exclusive of Government grant, is being spent on account of salaries, allowances and establishment?

Secretary Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.

5. A.—(a) The clerical staff in the Trivandrum Municipal and Health Offices consists of one clerk on Rs. 30, 3 on Rs. 20 each, 3 on Rs. 15 each, and one on Rs. 10. There are ten overseers on Rs. 10 each, and 15 on Rs. 9 each. Of the clerks four possess the examination qualification prescribed by the Public Service Notification. No overseer holds the qualification prescribed by the Public Service Notification for overseers.

(b) The receipts for 1096, exclusive of Government grant, amounted to Rs. 53,275-7-10. The total expenditure under salaries, establishment and allowances was Rs. 22,437-14-9, being 42 per cent. of the above receipts.

Mr. S. Adam Sait.

6. Q.- (a) Will the Government be pleased to state what action, if any, they have taken with reference to the representations made to them praying for the abolition of taxation in kind in respect of the Pandaravaka properties attached to Sreepadam in the Chirayinkil taluk?

(b) Are the Government aware that representations made to Sreepadam in the above matter have not been considered, and, if so, will the Government state what action they propose to take to give relief to the ryots of the Chirayinkil taluk holding lands attached to Sreepadam as those enjoying other Pandaravaka lands?

Chief Secretary Mr. N. Rajaram Rao.

6. A.—(a) The following reply has been given to the representations of the ryots in question:—

"As the lands in question form the separate property of Her Highness the Senior Rani, Government cannot interfere without Her Highness' express wish and consent, and it is Her Highness that the petitioners should approach".

(b) The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative.

Mr. G. Parameswaran Pillai.

7. Q.—(a) With reference to the statement contained in the Press Communique dated

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